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Request for Public Comments Related to Jackson Demonstration State Forest Harvesting Plans

Sacramento – The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is requesting public comments on draft criteria to be used to evaluate the compliance of proposed timber harvesting plans (THPs) with a new management plan for Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF). The new Management Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for JDSF were approved by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in January 2008 (documents available by request to CAL FIRE or on the Internet at http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson.php).

Department staff are beginning to develop timber harvesting plans to be conducted under the direction of the new Management Plan. To ensure that the THPs under development comply with the Management Plan, the Department is requesting public comment on draft criteria to be used to evaluate THPs developed during the Plan's initial implementation period. During this period, JDSF advisory bodies will review and potentially recommend changes to the Management Plan.

The preliminary draft criteria are available for public review on the CAL FIRE website at the web address given above. To assure that all stakeholders understand the criteria the Department will use to assess THPs under development, the Department requests that interested members of the public review these criteria and provide the Department with any comments they may have. Based on the input received, the Department will then prepare a revised set of criteria.

“As CAL FIRE moves forward to implement the new JDSF Management Plan, we want to be sure that we provide transparency of our processes and ample opportunity for public comment on the steps that we are taking,” said Crawford Tuttle, CAL FIRE chief deputy director.

Comments should be provided to the Department by March 28, 2008. Comments should be addressed to Assistant Deputy Director Russ Henly by e-mail (russ.henly@fire.ca.gov) or by regular mail at CAL FIRE, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.

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